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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUCHAREST 2674

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: TECH, ENGR, RO  
SUBJ: GENERAL ATOMIC HOT CELL

REF: (A) STATE 076558; (B) BUCHAREST 1256; (C) 76 BUCHAREST 5204

1. SCNE OFFICIAL OLARIU DISMISSED MFT (FTO TECHNOIMPORT-EXPORT) REQUEST ON END-USE STATEMENT (REF A, PARA 2) AS ROTE ITERATION OF SUBJECT NOT WITHIN ITS COMPETENCE. HE SAID COMMERCIAL DECISIONS WERE HANDLED BY TEHNOIMPORT, BUT TECHNICAL EVALUATION WAS FORMULATED BY SCNE, AS WERE COMMENTS ON END-USE STATEMENT BEFORE REVIEW AT HIGHER POLITICAL LEVEL.

2. DEPARTMENT IS CORRECT THAT ERDA'S MOST RECENT VERSION OF END-USE STATEMENT WAS NEVER DEFINITELY ANSWERED BY GOR. OLARIU EXPLAINED THAT DISCUSSION OF THE STATEMENT HAS ONLY BEEN PUT ASIDE SINCE GA BID WAS NOT COMPETITIVE UNTIL NOW. HE WOULD NOT COMMIT HIMSELF ABOUT GA'S PRESENT RELATIVE COMPETITIVENESS. HE ALSO SAID US VIEWS ON RELATED END-USE ASSURANCES WERE QUITE CLEAR ALBEIT INAPPROPRIATE IN HIS OPINION FOR THE TECHNOLOGY IN QUESTION.

3. GA'S REVISED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR NEW BID  
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NOT YET RECEIVED BY SCNE BUT OLARIU PREDICTED REVIEW WOULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN VERY FEW DAYS AFTER RECEIPT PRESUMABLY IN TIME TO COPE WITH END-USE RESPONSE BEFORE SCIATT'S DEPARTURE TO WASHINGTON, APRIL 29 FOR ANNUAL ATTACHE MEETING MAY 5-11.

4. GA REP CHESWORTH ADVISED EMBASSY BY TELEX APRIL 4

OF TEHNOIMPORT'S REQUEST, CITED SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT AND ERDA TO EFFECT THAT END-USE REQUIREMENT REMAINS UNCHANGED, AND ASKED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE "TO CLARIFY US POSITION AND EXPLORE POSSIBLE WAYS OF OVER-COMING PROBLEM."

5. CHESWORTH TELEX APRIL 12 REPORTS GA'S BELIEF THAT END-USE STATEMENT IS ONLY MAJOR OBSTACLE TO SUCCESSFUL BID.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST ERDA MAKE OLARIU'S COMMENTS AVAILABLE TO GA.  
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